

Robertson told an audience that had he been a member of government he would have demanded sternly and strenuously that the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. immediately recognize the U. M. W. or have their hair clipped, and the Sydney Record is authority for the statement that Dr. Kendall told his Dominion audience that he hoped to come back again and talk on the question of recognition of trades unionism, "which the large operators of Nova Scotia are refusing". Which of the two is the 'fondest fool', Struan, or Arthur, is hard to say. Both must have bees in their bonnets. Struan, as a lawyer, ought to have given some few details as to how the government were to set about compulsion, or confiscation. He must have known he was ranting. A lease is not quite so easily broken as he hints. The government could not do it. Parliament might try it, but it could not do it and live. And Arthur in saying that the larger operators were refusing recognition of trades unions, was but demonstrating how at certain times an otherwise honest chap may descend to the level of the fakir. The P. W. A. is a trades union, the biggest trades union perhaps in Canada, and the operators have recognized it for thirty years, and have never hinted that they would cease to do so.

The local elections come off on the 14th. There has been no chance to 'spring' them this time as politicians knew that they had to come off before July as parliament had run its course. I have the idea, from a calm survey, that the liberals are not so enthusiastic as in former years, while the conservatives are more so. The Eastern Chronicle predicts that the strength of parties in the new house will not vary much from that in the old. I am not quite so sure about that. In several counties things look better for the Tories than they did five years ago, more particularly in four counties, two of which are Halifax and Colchester. Were the question put to me and an answer 'right off the bat' compulsory? 'How many Tories in next parliament?' I might be constrained to say 'double'. The answer I know would satisfy neither party, each side pooh poohing the lowliness of the estimate. The liberals say the Tories may get seven seats. To this, the Tories scornfully retort 'You menn twice seven'. The way enthusiastic Tories figure it out is this: Halifax 2; Colchester 2; Cumberland 2; Pictou 2; Cape Breton 2; Guysboro or Antigonish 1; Richmond 1; Hants 1; Shelburne 1; Kings 1. This makes fifteen in all. That is too optimistic a calculation perhaps. If they get 7 to 11 they should be fairly well satisfied and live in hopes of better things in store.

The orator who informed an Amherst audience that the Dominion Coal Co. made seventy-five cents per ton profit on the coal sold will have to revise his statement in face of the report issued lately of the company's business for the fifteen months ending March. After deductions for renewals and for depreciation, and for grants to the Relief Society, the net profits were \$1,097,000. In the fifteen months the company shipped 3,800,000 odd tons of coal. The profits divided by the quantity sold demonstrate that instead of seventy-five the profit per ton was a little over twenty-seven cents. Assuming the average price of coal to have been two fifty a ton the company made eleven cents to the dollar on the sales value of the coal. The merchant or general store-keeper who only made eleven cents on the dollar on his total sales would not consider his business a bonanza. Thirty cents a ton profit is not a sufficient

profit on a ton of coal when all the risks are taken into consideration. Mining is hazardous whether looked upon as an occupation or an investment.

### Coal Shipments APRIL, 1911.

DOMINION COAL COMPANY, LTD.  
Output and Shipments for April, 1911.

—Output—		—Shipments—
Dominion No. 1	40 719	
Dominion No. 2	60 538	
Dominion No. 3	13 997	
Dominion No. 4	22 109	
Dominion No. 5	26 235	
Dominion No. 6	17 891	
Dominion No. 7	13 695	
Dominion No. 8	14 470	201 655
Dominion No. 9	32 386	
Dominion No. 10	13 132	
Dominion No. 12	19 269	
Dominion No. 14	7 367	
Dominion No. 15	2 070	
Dominion No. 16	1 527	
285 405		
Shipments April 1911		201 655
Shipments " 1910		200 045
Increase " 1911		1 610
Shipments 4 mos. 1911		804 028
" 4 " 1910		710 127
Increase 4 " 1911		93 901

### —NOVA SCOTIA STEEL & COAL CO. LTD.—

Shipments April 1911	25 041
" " 1910	57 100
Decrease " 1911	32 059
Shipments 4 mos. 1911	108 496
" 4 " 1910	160 665
Decrease 4 " 1911	52 169

### —ACADIA COAL CO.—

Shipments April 1911	31 267
" " 1910	18 762
Increase " 1911	12 505
Shipments 4 mos. 1911	125 482
" 4 " 1910	83 479
Increase 4 " 1911	42 003

### —INTERCOLONIAL COAL CO.—

Shipments April 1911	20 477
" " 1910	20 700
Decrease " 1911	223
Shipments 4 mos. 1911	83 837
" 4 " 1910	79 983
Increase 4 " 1911	3 854

### —INVERNESS RY. & COAL CO.—

Shipments April 1911	14 565
" " 1910	11 912
Increase " 1911	2 653
Shipments 4 mos. 1911	76 475
" 4 " 1910	71 380
Increase 4 mos. 1911	5 095